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Ike's No Liar

Senator Fulbright, who often believes that he is Secretary of State because he is Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, desires President Eisenhower to lie.

His criticism of our handling of the U-2 incident is that the President of the United States declined to lie. Time after time, this Rhodes Scholar repeats the refrain that it is unprecedented for the head of a state to assume responsibility for espionage. If President Eisenhower refuses to be a liar, who is to tell him to compromise his conscience?

But there may be strategy in Eisenhower's conduct. What is the actual fact of the U-2 episode is that we went inside Soviet Russia more than a thousand miles this trip; it was possible to disclose that we have been photographing and mapping Soviet Russia for many years; that we have photographed most of the country and can prove it.

Russia's defenses are vulnerable, even to an unarmed plane.

This was made public by Khrushchev's loss of temper at Paris and is known to the Russian people. Khrushchev made it known!

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